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Our condolences to the family of Mary On Hoy, wife of Easley Hoy. Mary passed away after a long illness on July 4, 2011.

NEW YORK

NY1 continues its celebration of Asian-American artists with a profile of Brooklyn-based photographer Corky Lee, who has changed the history books by chronicling the city's Asian-American community over the last 40 years. Brooklyn Borough reporter Jeanine Ramirez filed the following report.

Corky Lee is busy selecting photographs for his upcoming exhibition at the Queens Museum of Art. His work spans some 40 years. For most of his images, the backdrop is New York, the subject is the Asian and Pacific-American community.



Photo courtesy of Corky Lee. [Click to enlarge.](#)

"I document the history because I need to leave it for another generation that I'll never see or hear. If I don't document it, who will?" says Lee. "So I've taken on this quest, kind of like a Don Quixote mission."

Lee says his need to capture Asian-American history came in junior high school, when he learned the Chinese people helped build the Transcontinental Railroad, yet there was not a picture of the workers in his history book. "I couldn't see any Chinese in that photograph. So I thought, maybe it's because I had poor eyesight or perhaps I needed a magnifying glass. So I went out and bought a magnifying glass and I still couldn't see any Chinese," says Lee.

From the contributions of the Asian community after September 11th, to activist movements and cultural celebrations, Lee photographs all aspects of Asian-American life in the city.



Photo courtesy of Corky Lee. [Click to enlarge.](#)

He stays well informed of all the goings-on, because his day job is at a Brooklyn printing press, Expedi Printing, where he helps publish dozens of newspapers and publications. While Lee has been working at Expedi for 29 years, he has always had his finger on the pulse. Back when Lee was a college student, he saw a disparity in health care in Chinatown and organized a health fair to meet the community's need.

"We created this street fair. We diagnosed 2,500 people in 14 different types of tests," says Lee. That event in 1971 created a permanent facility, the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center, which is

marking its 40th anniversary this year. A commemorative book that was created as part of the celebration features many of Lee's pictures.

It is a history he has worked hard to preserve and ensure that it endures. "If I start to do this and if other people start to pick up the mantle, it will have a cumulative effect," says Lee.

CALIFORNIA

Intel starts to use 3-D transistors, developed by Prof. **Chenming Calvin Hu, an 80-20 Exec. Comm. Member, to replace 2-D ones**

It is revolutionary -- faster & using less power with the potential to get much better yet. The Finfet (fin-shaped field-effect transistor) is developed by Chenming and his co-workers. For more info, click on <http://spectrum.ieee.org/semiconductors/design/the-origins-of-intels-new-transistor-and-its-future> He is the Distinguished Chair Professor, Univ. of CA, Berkeley and a member of US National Academy of Engineering, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Academia Sinica. He has served as an 80-20 Board member & has given tens of thousands of dollars to both 80-20 PAC & Educational Foundation. He is always the first to give of himself to serve our community.

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Richard Wong, Cinematographer's latest movie:

<http://enchantedserenityperiodfilms.blogspot.com/2011/03/snow-flower-and-secret-fan-2011-trailer.html>

WASHINGTON, DC

OCA Welcomes 24 Students to the 22nd Annual Summer Internship Program

OCA, a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), is pleased to announce the 22nd annual summer internship program with 24 students from across the country. The 10-week paid internship provides (APA) leaders an opportunity to gain professional experience in various government agencies, congressional offices, and non-profit organizations in the nation's capital.

"For over 22 years, OCA has built a leadership pipeline for the APA community through our internship program and we are excited to welcome our 24 newest future leaders to Washington, DC and into the nearly 500 alumni-strong OCA internship family," said OCA Executive Director, George C. Wu.

With one of the largest and longest running internships for APA students, OCA continues to educate and empower the next generation of leaders. This year's class reflects the ethnic diversity within the APA community including Chinese, Indian, Vietnamese, Samoan, Hmong, Filipino, Thai, Korean, Japanese, Cambodian, and Chamoru. First generation college students are also a highlight in OCA's outreach and efforts to serve all demographics within the APA community.

"OCA allows young leaders to interact with real-life issues and to grow exponentially from their experience" said Bao Kou Moua, OCA National Center intern and first generation college student from Minnesota. "I believe that the skills, values, and relationships offered at OCA will open so many doors for myself and all the interns."

The success of the internship program also involves commitment from placement partners such as Congresswoman Judy Chu's office, the White House Initiative for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Department of Labor, National Education Association and more. Past OCA interns have

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gone on to become executive directors, lead offices in the White House, and paid it forward by giving back to their communities.

The 22nd annual OCA Internship Program is generously sponsored by the Walmart Foundation, the Comcast Foundation, the William & Sinforosa Tan Kaung Internship Endowment Fund, and Mary Ann & Paul C. Yu Internship Fund. For a full list of interns, placements and donation opportunities, please visit www.ocanational.org.

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U.S. Rep. Judy Biggert (R-Hinsdale) was among five members of Congress Thursday who announced the introduction of a resolution calling on Congress to express regret for anti-Chinese laws approved at the turn of the 20th century.

Biggert, whose district includes Naperville, was joined by U.S. Reps. Judy Chu of California and Mike Coffman of Colorado, along with Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Scott Brown (R-Mass.).

"This resolution takes an important step towards recognizing one of the great, yet often overlooked, injustices in our shared history, and accepting the lessons it has to teach us," Biggert said. "America's strength has always derived from the principles of our founders and our ongoing struggle to live up to those ideals. This resolution continues that struggle by calling on Congress to illuminate a past mistake, and reaffirm our commitment to freedom and equality. I'm very pleased to join Congresswoman Chu in introducing this resolution as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, which celebrates the contributions of countless Chinese-Americans."

Chu said the measure is close to her heart, since she is the first Chinese-American congresswoman.

"A century ago, the Chinese came here in search of a better life. But they faced harsh conditions, particularly in the halls of Congress," she said. "Congress passed numerous discriminatory exclusion laws that barred the Chinese from accessing basic rights given to other immigrants. These laws engendered hatred, bigotry and prejudice in the minds of Americans towards Chinese. Many were brutally murdered, and even more were abused, harassed and detained."

"It is long overdue that Congress officially acknowledges these ugly laws, and expresses the sincere regret that Chinese Americans deserve," she said.

The Chinese Exclusion Laws involved legislation Congress passed between 1870 and 1904 that explicitly discriminated against persons of Chinese descent based on race. In 1882, Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which imposed a 10-year moratorium on Chinese immigration and naturalization of Chinese settlers. The law was later expanded several times to apply to all persons of Chinese descent.

Although the Chinese Exclusion Laws were repealed in 1943 as a war measure after China became a World War II ally of the United States, Congress has never formally acknowledged that the laws singling out and ostracizing Chinese were incompatible with America's founding principles.

"One-hundred and 29 years ago, just 13 years after the last spike was driven into the first transcontinental railroad, the Congress of the United States strayed from the path laid by our founders and implemented the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882," Biggert said. "This 10-year ban on Chinese immigration and naturalization targeted Chinese immigrants for physical and political exclusion, and was driven by an unfortunate mix of racism, jingoism, and intolerance."

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"In subsequent years, Congress then expanded and hardened these laws, making it impossible for legal Chinese workers to re-enter America, gain their citizenship and often reunite with their families," she said. "It wasn't until the U.S.-Chinese alliance of World War II that Congress repealed these laws and restored the rights of Chinese-Americans."

Henry Kissinger: 'Community' Needed to Avoid US-China Conflict

http://asiasociety.org/policy-politics/strategic-challenges/us-asia/henry-kissinger-community-needed-avoid-us-china-conflic?utm_source=Asia+Society+eNews&utm_campaign=5299c9b493-eNews_062111&utm_medium=email (hold down the CTRL button and left click)

MISCELLANEOUS

Also read all the other "secrets" at the bottom of the list....very interesting stuff

<http://shine.yahoo.com/event/summerliving/ending-the-great-condiment-debate-2488628/>

Good things to know...

<http://www.rd.com/slideshows/20-secrets-your-waiter-wont-tell-you/20/>
